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July 21, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 July 21, 2015

PATRICK O'QUINN  
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**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR INFECTION CONTROL MEETINGS/CONFERENCES AND HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**(ALL SUPERVISORAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to purchase food and beverages for infection control meetings/conferences with healthcare facilities and Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee meetings.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to purchase food and beverages for infection control meetings/conferences with healthcare facilities and Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Advisory Committee meetings, in an amount not to exceed \$30 per person per conference/meeting and limited to \$17,500 for the period of date of Board approval through March 30, 2016, as allowable by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant.
2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director of DPH, or her designee, to purchase food and beverages for infection control meetings/conferences with healthcare facilities and HAI Advisory Committee meetings, not to exceed \$30 per person per conference/meeting and limited to \$80,000 for the period of March 31, 2016 through March 30, 2018, subject to CDC's approval of DPH's budget request.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for infection control meetings/conferences with healthcare facilities in Los Angeles County and HAI Advisory Committee meetings. Routine lapses in infection control allow many HAIs to occur. Current policies and practices are highly variable, leaving gaps in patient and provider protection from HAIs. DPH plans to host meetings and conferences to develop infection control assessment and promotion programs to prevent transmission of infections in healthcare settings. The one-day meetings/ conferences with working breakfasts and/or lunches will expedite the planning process and maximize the limited time with infection control management representatives from various healthcare facilities.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will also allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for additional meetings/ conferences, subject to CDC's approval of DPH's budget request, utilizing the same guidelines described above.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to purchase food and beverages for infection control meetings/conferences with healthcare facilities and HAI Advisory Committee meetings in an amount not to exceed \$30 per person per conference/meeting and limited to \$17,500 for the period of date of Board approval through March 31, 2016 and \$80,000 for the period of March 1, 2016 through March 30, 2018, 100 percent offset by CDC grant funds. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On July 29, 2014, your Board delegated authority to DPH to accept and implement forthcoming awards and/or amendments from the CDC to support Building and Strengthening Local Health Department Epidemiology, Laboratory, and Health Information Systems Capacity for Infectious Diseases for the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2019.

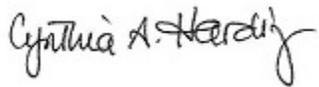
The CDC is providing support to expand current infection prevention and preparedness efforts by increasing implementation of prevention guidelines and polices to assure best practice to eliminate cross-transmission of pathogens from patient-to-patient or patient-to-healthcare worker, across healthcare settings including acute care, long-term care, and outpatient facilities.

On May 1, 2015, the Interim Director of DPH notified your Board that she was exercising delegated authority to accept CDC supplemental Notice of Award Number 3U50CK000393-01S2, in the amount of \$2,200,798 (\$733,599 annually) for the budget period of March 31, 2015 through March 30, 2018 to accelerate building epidemiology and laboratory capacities for controlling and preventing healthcare associated infections or outbreaks to fill the gaps identified in the 2014 Ebola response, and improve infection control infrastructure and practice in Los Angeles County.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accelerate infection control assessment and response for healthcare facilities in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia A. Harding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.  
Interim Director

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors